



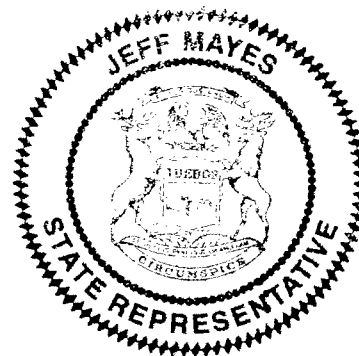
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Thomas L. Hickner
County Executive

March 26, 2007

State Representative Jeff Mayes
96th House District
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7514



Dear Representative Mayes:

I am writing to offer my support for House Bill No. 4068, a bill to amend 1983 PA 139 clarifying the procedure for filling a vacancy in the office of an elected county executive.

In my opinion, clarifying the present language will make the replacement of a county executive where a vacancy occurs in office consistent with the other county elected officers in terms of the time periods and selection at the next general election. This will provide for an orderly process for continuity in the administration of a county where a vacancy occurs in the office of county executive.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

TOM HICKNER
Bay County Executive